

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on February 8, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 402, 2/5/2007; SB 100, 2/5/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:40:09 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON SB 402

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:41 **SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (D), SD 18**, opened the hearing on **SB 402**, Revise funding for Fort Peck fish hatchery--
repeal warm water surcharge.

[EXHIBIT\(fis28a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis28a02\)](#)

Proponents: None.

Opponents:

00:00:06 Bob Gilbert, Walleye Unlimited of Montana

00:04:11 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited, and Montana Bass
Foundation

00:05:41 Tom Rider, Montana Pike Masters

[EXHIBIT\(fis28a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:17:11 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, Department of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis28a04\)](#)

00:18:58 Carl Seilstad, Past President of Walleye Unlimited
Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:47 Sen. Bales to Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, FWP

00:21:29 Sen. Bales to Chris Hunter, FWP

00:24:23 Sen. Barkus to Joe Kolman

00:24:51 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:00 Sen. Kitzenberg

Discussion:

00:28:01 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON SB 100

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:20 **SEN. LARRY JENT (D), SD 32**, opened the hearing on **SB 100**, Revise outfitter laws/ felony outfitting without license.

[EXHIBIT\(fis28a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis28a06\)](#)

Discussion:

00:38:08 Joe Kolman

Proponents:

00:42:17 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

[EXHIBIT\(fis28a07\)](#)

00:48:48 Jeff Scott, Regional Investigator, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:52:47 Russ Kipp, Outfitter

00:55:18 Barbara Harris, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:56:56 Mac Minard, Executive Director, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis28a08\)](#)

01:01:16 Duane Moe, Retired Special Agent, Forest Service

01:04:35 Break

01:11:07 Back from break

01:11:22 Larry Copenhaver, Executive Director, Montana Wildlife Federation, and Rod and Gun Club Members

01:14:05 Kelly Flynn, Rancher, Chairman of Outfitters and Guides Association

EXHIBIT(fis28a09)

01:17:15 Robin Cunningham, Montana Fishing Association

EXHIBIT(fis28a10)

01:18:46 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis28a11)

EXHIBIT(fis28a12)

01:21:03 Pat Straub, Fishing Outfitter

Opponents:

01:22:14 Allen Shallenberger, Wildlife Sports Shooting

EXHIBIT(fis28a13)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:35 Sen. Hansen to Duane Moe, Retired Special Agent, Forest Service

01:32:17 Sen. Hansen to Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, FWP

01:36:17 Sen. Barkus to Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, FWP

01:40:37 Sen. Bales to Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:00 Sen. Jent

Discussion:

01:43:55 Chairman Tropila

01:44:37 Joe Kolman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

JT/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis28aad.pdf](#))